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SUBJECT: SINO-KOREAN SOLIDARITY FOR SIHANOUK?

AS THE KIM IL SUNG VISIT TO PEKING UNFOLDS, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO WATCH HOW SIHANOUK IS TREATED. HIS CHINESE HOSTS AND LONG TIME SUPPORTERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TO GIVE HIM A VICTORY SALUTE IN WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS COULD ALSO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCE'S FUTURE ROLE IN CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS. IT MAY BE A COINCIDENCE, BUT WE CANNOT RULE OUT AT THIS POINT THAT THE TIMING OF KIM'S VISIT WAS WITH THE IMMINENT FALL OF PHNOM PENH IN MIND AND THE OBJECTIVE OF BOOSTING SIHANOUK'S STOCK IN THE ARRANGEMENT FOR A NEW REGIME. A GREAT SHOW OF NORTH KOREAN-CHINESE SOLIDARITY BEHIND SIHANOUK COULD ALSO FIT WITH THE CURRENT SENSE OF STRAIN OR UNCERTAINTY IN PEKING-HANOI RELATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE CHINESE AND KOREANS PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SIHANOUK A PARTICULARLY ROUSING CHEER, THEN IT COULD INDICATE THEY THINK THE GAME IS NOT WORTH THE CANDLE AND THAT SIHANOUK IS NOT PROMOTABLE AS A MAJOR FACTOR ON THE CAMBODIAN SCENE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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